

1 I think there is not a man or woman sitting in
2 this Convention that is not down here at great personal
3 sacrifice. I honor the men and women who have tried to
4 arrive at this compromise but I suggest to you all, as you
5 look at this thing, with the eyes of the State of Maryland,
6 and I say to you, other States, upon us, are you going to
7 take this step and embalm in our Constitution an office which
8 at least half of this Convention thought was unnecessary
9 when it had much greater duties. You have cut those duties
10 to the bone, and now you have suggested that that office
11 should be perpetuated.

12 We don't have before us this provision about the
13 Board of Public Works. They tell us it is coming, but I
14 say to you, we must rise above the things that we don't
15 believe in.

16 This is a gut issue. This is an issue that each
17 one of us has got to take the heart to understand that we are
18 not going to be pressured into putting into our Constitution,
19 a meaningless office, regardless of who holds it, now or in
20 the future, and that it is our duty to write a Constitution,
21 the best Constitution we can come up with and present it to